

# **Strategic Road Map “Utility Perspective”**

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- ❖ Approved Interconnection Guidelines From (Public Utilities Commission)**
- ❖ Approved Interconnection Standard**
- ❖ Technical Expertise To Evaluate What Is The Best Use Of DR's On The EPS**
- ❖ Modeling Tools To Study The Effects Of DR's On The EPS (29 Issues)**
- ❖ Monitoring And Control System Including Telecommunications**
- ❖ Certified DR Interconnection Equipment Which Is Economic And Reliable**
- ❖ Installation Inspectors**
- ❖ Operating Procedures And Trained Operators (EPS)**
- ❖ DR Tariffs/Rates/Incentives**

## **What does a utility need to expedite the implementation and use of DR's? (con't.)**

- ❖ Cooperation From Planning Commissions, Zoning Boards, And Building Code Inspectors**
- ❖ Proactive Approach To Inform Customers/Contractors/Consultants Of Alternative DR Approaches To Expedite Installation And Reduce Costs Of Utility Infrastructure**
- ❖ Allow Utilities (& Subsidiaries) To Participate Competitively In The Development, Implementation, And Operation Of DR's**
- ❖ Design Highly Automated Distribution Circuits With Telecommunication Features**

## ❖ **Approved Interconnection Guidelines from (Public Utilities Commission)**

- **Outline Utility Policy And Process**
- **Applicable Fees**
- **Interconnection Requirements**
  - **System Protection**
  - **Telemetry**
  - **Revenue Metering**
  - **Maintenance & Testing**
- **Application (Generator Information) And Utility Information**
- **Interconnection Study Description**

## ❖ **Approved Interconnection Standard**

- **Technical Requirements**
  - **Technology Neutral Functional Description Of System Protection Equipment**
- **Testing Requirements**
  - **National Recognized Test Laboratory (NRTL) – Type Testing**
  - **In-Commission Testing**

## ❖ **Technical Expertise to Evaluate What is the Best Use of DR's on the EPS**

- **Apply Interconnection Guidelines**
- **Apply Interconnection Standard**
- **Knowledge Of Characteristics Of Energy Conversion Equipment And Characteristics Of Power System**
- **Familiarity With EEI 29 Issues And Solutions**
- **Knowledge Of Building Codes**
- **Resource Network IEEE, EPRI, DOE, UL, CE, etc.**

## ❖ **Modeling Tools to Study the Effects of DR's on the EPS (29 Issues)**

- **Load Flow (PSLF)**
- **Short Circuit (ASPEN)**
- **Relay Coordination (ASPEN)**
- **EMTP Electric Magnetic Transients Program**
- **PTI PSS/E – Stability**
- **DEW – Distribution Engineering Workstation**
- **MATLAB – Modeling Controls**

### **FUTURE**

- **Effects Of Unbalanced Loading On Single Phase Voltage Regulation Including DR's**
- **Generation And System Planning With DR's Including (Both Load Forecasting, Load Management, etc.)**

## ❖ **Monitoring and Control System Including Telecommunications**

- **System Wide Integrated Telecom System to Expedite Installation**
- **Common Protocols And Standardized (Inter-Operability) Telecom Equipment**
- **Utility Dispatch Capability**
- **Data Storage & Retrieval For Operations And Billing**



## ❖ **Operating Procedures and Trained Operators (EPS)**

- **Line Persons**
- **Service Persons**
- **Substation Operators**
- **System Operators**

## ❖ **DR Tariffs/Rates/Incentives**

- **Demand Response**
- **Incentive Rate To Provide A Capacity Credit To DR's For Reducing Peak Demands – Deferring Utility Generation And T&D Capacity**
- **Low Standby Charges For Loss Of Customer Generation**
- **Reliability Credit For Loss Of Distribution**
- **Property Access For DR Installation On Utility Easements / R/W**
- **Property Tax Reduction For Self Generation (Or No Increase In Property Tax For Self Generation)**
- **Utility Provides Environmental Credits To DR's**
- **DR Efficiency Credit For Net Efficiency Improvement**

**❖ Proactive Approach to Inform Customers/Contractors/Consultants of Alternative DR Approaches to Expedite Installation and Reduce Costs of Utility Infrastructure**

- Power Quality**
- Reliability**
- CHP Applications**
- Neutral Utility/Customer Benefits Of DR (Costly Line Extension Avoided)**

**❖ Allow Utilities (& Subsidiaries) to Participate Competitively in the Development, Implementation, and Operation of DR's**

- Best Position To Implement**
- Select Best Solution – Balanced Perspective**
- Equity Position**
- Better Designed DR Equipment**
- Results In Expedited Utility/Customer DR Processes**

## ❖ **Design Highly Automated Distribution Circuits with Telecommunication Features**

- **Automated Circuits Usually Have Telecommunication Links To Circuit Devices**
- **Easier To Implement DR With Distribution Automation Circuits**
- **Island Operation Easier With Remote Controlled Sectionalized Circuits**
- **Monitoring And Control Already Exists – Information on Real Time Operation Of Circuit**
- **Benefits Are Easier To Evaluate Since Information Exists**
- **Improves Reliability**